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Title: Regarding unemployment situation in the country.

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM): Madam, I thank you for giving me this opportunity. I would like to request you to give me just two minutes time and let me complete my submission. I am also fortunate that the hon. Prime Minister is also present in the House. This is an issue of national importance.

This is about the agricultural sector of India. The number of people who are dependent on agricultural income is far higher than the agricultural contribution towards the GDP. With rapid urbanisation there is a lot of agricultural labour who is moving from the rural sector to the urban sector. Also, schemes like MGNREGA have increased the daily wages of the labour and also agriculture has become so unproductive that the daily wages for the agriculture labour has decreased. Due to this, around 200 million labourers from the agricultural sector is supposed to move to the industrial, urban and service sector within the next ten years. So, the agricultural sector is losing a lot of labour force.

To compensate this, Madam, I request the Government of India to introduce machanisation and technology in the agricultural sector.

There are some problems in machanisation also. There are a lot of hurdles there also. The farmers today are having very little land holdings. So, it is very expensive for them to buy machines. They are unaware and uneducated about technological products and machanisation practices used in the agricultural sector.

So, I request the Government of India and our hon. Prime Minister on this matter because this is a crisis which the Government will face in the next few years if they do not take proactive steps in this area. I request you to offer a smooth transition from the agricultural labour to machanised implementation of agricultural techniques.